



Sunday Morning Message for October 29, 2017 by Ray Reynolds

Saints Can Find Hope In Devotion (II Corinthians 8)

Introduction: The church in Corinth had many problems. I & II Corinthians are only part of Paul's correspondence to this church family. The second letter reveals that the first letter was well received. The "saints" of God in Corinth realized that not all hope was lost. In this second letter, we can see several things that gave the church hope. This chapter is about finding hope in our Christian devotion. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. A Kingdom Principle (vs.1-7)

- Giving is a sign of God's grace (**Philippians 1:29-30**).
- Giving is a sample of God's deliverance (**I Thessalonians 1:6**).
- Giving is a symbol of God's fellowship (**Acts 11:29**).
- Giving is a statement of God's abundance (**Romans 12:1-2**).

II. A Personal Example (vs.8-15)

- Giving with a willing heart (**I Corinthians 13:1-3**).
- Giving with a willing soul (**Matthew 16:26**).
- Giving with a willing mind (**Mark 12:38-44**).
- Giving with a willing strength (**Ecclesiastes 9:10**).

III. A Humble Apostle (vs.16-24)

- The collection is taken wisely (**I Corinthians 16:1-2**).
- The collection is guarded wisely (**John 12:6**).
- The collection is dispersed wisely (**Philippians 4:19**).
- The collection is remembered wisely (**Psalms 24:1**).

Conclusion: Godly people have given themselves to the Lord (**II Corinthians 8:5**). We must promise our best to God (**Matthew 6:25-34**). If we give ourselves first to the Lord, it is only natural that we would give to others. This is a sign of true discipleship. God didn't call us to be takers. He called us to be givers. Are you ready to be filled with hope? Have you accepted the will of God? Will you share hope with others?